

Discussion:

By the above amendment, Applicants have cancelled the previously “withdrawn” claims. In this way the excess claims fees of \$850 (\$250 for the total claims in excess of twenty plus \$600 for three excess independent claims) mentioned in the July 6 communication will no longer be due because of the now reduced number of claims in the subject application

Applicants reserve all their rights to file continuing patent applications on these now cancelled claims and any of their other inventions disclosed in the subject application.

Accordingly, Applicants believe the remaining claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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